Release of Aung San Suu Kyi

1683. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.N. Secretary General is taking keen interest in early release of the nobel laurate Aung San Suu Kyi;

(b) if so, the role of India, the immediate neighbour of Myanmar in helping her release; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India has consistently urged the Myanmar Government, including at the highest level, for the release of the Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi from house arrest. We have also emphasized the need for the political reform process in Myanmar to be more inclusive and broad based.

(c) Does not arise.

More buses and trains to Pakistan

1684. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce more buses and trains to Pakistan to improve the Confidence Building Measures on both sides;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing route of journeys between the two countries; and

(d) the income so far generated on each route during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) During the Foreign Secretary level talks in the framework of the Composite Dialogue in June 2004,